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**Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice
Meeting Minutes**

August 30, 2006

Approved: October 27, 2006

The official business meeting of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice occurred on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, at the Innsbrook Library, Richmond, Virginia.

Committee members present

Kevin Appel
Jane Brown, Proxy for Anthony Conyers
Joanne Burkholder, Dr. Cynthia Cave, Proxy for Dr. DeMary
Peter Feddo
Lynette Greenfield, Proxy for Barry Green
Eileen Grey
Will Bronson, Janet Lung, Proxy for Dr. Reinhard
Andrew Jennings
Dr. Jay W. Malcan
Charles Martin
The Hon. Charles Phelps
Daniel L. Plaugher
Robert E. Shepherd, Jr.
Wayne Thomas
Ruby G. Turner

Committee Members Not Present

Ben Andrews
The Hon. Robert B. Bell
The Hon. Warner D. (Dave) Chapman
Monica Estrada
Matthew T. Gowin
Sophia McEachin
Chief Rodney D. Monroe
The Honorable Linda T. Puller
The Honorable Michael W. Stewart
Gina E. Wood

DCJS Staff present

Laureen Hyman
Laurel Marks
Ashaki McNeil
Kathy Moore

I. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Wayne Thomas. All present introduced themselves to the group.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Thomas asked if there were any comments, additions or deletions to be made to the

minutes from the June 28, 2006, meeting of the ACJJ. Mr. Daniel Plaugher made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

III. Consideration of New and Continuation Grants

The grants subcommittee approved all of the new grants to include the City of Bristol, (once performance measures are submitted), Charlottesville (once target population is clearly identified, and once the program area and logic model is submitted), Fairfax and Newport News.

The two grants submitted by Harrisonburg were not approved for this cycle. The subcommittee recommends that the locality combine the two grants, seek technical assistance from staff and resubmit as one grant for the next cycle as it didn't fit in the model chosen.

A motion was made by Charles Martin to approve the grants from the City of Bristol, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Fairfax and Newport News, and not approve funding for Harrisonburg. The motion was seconded and approved with one abstention (*Charles Martin abstained from Charlottesville*).

Continuation Grants: continuation grants were submitted from the City of Richmond, City of Norfolk, the City of Hampton, Loudoun, and DJJ.

A motion was made by Charles Martin
Lynette – abstain from DJJ Daniel abstain from Richmond

We would like to have the City of Richmond and City of Hampton to maybe come to a future meeting to report as they

IV. Report from the DMC Subcommittee on the DMC Session of the Blueprints Policy Summit

Eileen Grey and Sheriff Phelps presented on the DMC session.

DCJS put together 6 different policy meetings within juvenile services and other sections within the agency. It was by invitation only to discuss issues. Mental Health Needs of Juveniles and Adult Offenders and Disproportionate Minority Contact.

- Pay defense counsel
- Kids in the juvenile justice system don't get support (comprehensive services act) that others that aren't in the system get
- Celebrate successes
- Improve Funding Streams
- Let public know about statistics
- Moving forward strategy – it was agreed to get the word out everywhere, but concentrate on minority areas
- Outreach to families – need more of an avenue on information in helping to support the kids.

The system is broken right now and needs to be fixed.

V. Report on the Mental Health Session of the Blueprints Policy Summit

Mr. Shepherd gave a report of the Mental Health Session.

Adult system people remarked that a number of jails have become residential facilities for mental health in Virginia. It is difficult to do a screening and determine who has severe mental health issues, when they may come in for suicide.

In the juvenile justice world, juveniles have to have an initial screening to identify mental health needs, so mental health problems are detected early.

Judges sometimes commit juveniles in order to get their mental health needs met when there isn't availability within the juvenile system. Should there be smaller institutions designed to accommodate only those who have mental health issues or should we use correctional facilities and accommodate more of those with mental health issues?

It was also noted that prevention may help. If there were proper resources in the community, mental health issues could possibly be addressed before individuals become offenders.

Reentry was also discussed. What services do adults and juveniles need when they are released? How do we get them into services in the communities? Needed services may not be there in smaller localities.

VI. **FACJJ Annual Report Questionnaire**

Mr. Shepherd noted that we want the report to reflect information from each state. This questionnaire is really focusing on 2007, although it states it is for 2006. Would like a single response from the ACJJ, but would like input from all.

The questionnaire was discussed.

New findings from brain and developmental research.....	5
Disproportionate minority contact	10
Evidence-based practices and programs	4
Female juvenile offenders.....	1
Gangs	3
Native-American pass-through funds	0
Mental Health Assessment & Treatment (to include substance abuse and sa treatment) .	14
Reentry	8
Restorative Justice	1
Right to Competent Trial.....	1
Transfer or certification to adults courts.....	6
Zero tolerance and school disciplinary issues	5
Coordination of resources and services	5
Detention Reform.....	7
Other: Right to Counsel	6

Recommendations to Congress:

1. Strengthening DMC
2. Detention to Reform
3. Eliminate Earmarking of JJ Funds

A motion was made by Charles Martin to approve the recommendations made today to pass on to the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

VII. National Spirit of Youth Award

Mr. Wayne Thomas informed the group that Virginia's 2006 Spirit of Youth Award recipient was recommended and approved as the National Spirit of Youth Award recipient.

VIII. Old Business

A motion was made to approve the resolution for Dr. Aura Hanna. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

IX. New Business

Ms. Jane Brown updated the group on Prisoner Reentry and its barriers. An Executive Order was presented for the Virginia Reentry Academy. No funding – 5 communities volunteered to come forward and do pilot programs on our recommendations and let us evaluate to see if this model will work. Coordination among agencies. City of Richmond, Norfolk, Greenville/Emporia, Culpeper, King George. With this program, for the first time, a probation officer, warden and social service director worked together. Senator Puller is on the committee working on SJR 126.

Eileen Grey invited the group to attend the Virginia Coalition on Juvenile Justice at a meeting at the University of Richmond Law School 9-11 at 1pm. Virginia Cure picnic for children of incarcerated parents, Saturday 9-16th in Henrico. Status of Delegate Brian Moran's 2 year study. Gina Wood and Eileen are going to meet with him and find out the status. The crime commission will take over the management of this study.

X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Appel to adjourn at 2:00pm, was seconded and approved unanimously.